

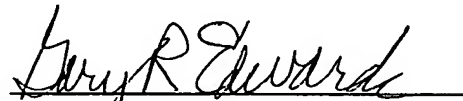
## REMARKS

Entry of the amendments to the specification, claims and abstract before examination of the application is respectfully requested. These claims patentably define over the art of record.

If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket # 095309.55997US).

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

~~The invention relates to a driving step~~ In a gear selection device ~~[[10]]~~ for an automatic transmission of a motor vehicle, in ~~[[. In]]~~ normal operation, ~~driving steps~~ gears selected at a selection lever ~~[[11]]~~ are set by means of an actuator ~~(electric motor 13)~~ via a drive element ~~[[18]]~~, a driven element ~~[[30]]~~ and an actuation element ~~(selection slide 39)~~. In addition, a parking lock is engaged by means of the driven element ~~[[30]]~~. In the event of a ~~fault~~ failure, at least one position "P" of the ~~driving step~~ gear selection device, ~~[[10]]~~ and consequently the parking lock, can be engaged by means of an emergency actuation device. In this case, a force or torque limit value of the drive connection between the drive element ~~[[18]]~~ and the driven element ~~[[30]]~~ is overshoot, so that these can be moved independently of one another. ~~In order to make it possible to have a driving step selection device (10) which can be handled in a simple way, in the driving step selection device (10) according~~ According to the invention, forces or torques up to ~~[[said]]~~ the force or torque limit value can be transmitted, in accordance with the actuator ~~(electric motor 13)~~, between the drive element ~~[[18]]~~ and the driven element ~~[[30]]~~ directly after emergency actuation of the driving step selection device, ~~(10). There is consequently no need for any resetting of the driving step selection device (10) after emergency actuation.~~